



THE WAVE WILL RISE



Raid Drill Praised As Model for County

With the concern of the entire county turned toward Greenbelt, cooperation of local residents made Greenbelt one of the most completely dark towns participating in the practice black-out last Friday night, according to County Chief Air-Raid Warden Robert Forrest. "This is particularly gratifying," said Mr. Forrest, "since Greenbelt is one spot that stands out more than any other in the county."

Also a success, said local Safety Director George Panagoulis, was the practice air-raid Sunday morning. When the "alert" signal was received at headquarters (the Fire House) at 8:55 a. m. the police and fire auxiliaries were warned to be ready for action, and 60 air-raid wardens were ordered to their posts. Said Mr. Panagoulis, "We appreciate the cooperation of Greenbelt residents in the past, and hope it will continue in the future."

Flaws Revealed

He added that the only flaw in the system was that the siren, which is to be replaced by a more effective signal, was not heard distinctly in some sections of town. Cautioning Greenbelters against looking out of windows, even in the practice raids, Mr. Panagoulis said, "That is the most likely spot, in an actual raid, to be injured. We must practice now what we may have to do later."

Alleged Fire Results In Alleged Blackout

More damage was caused by the sounding of the fire alarm on Tuesday evening at about 7 p. m. than by the fire. The fire, occurring on A block, was caused by some grease spilling on a hot stove and bursting into flame. Although the fire damage was negligible, the sound of the alarm caused many people to stop whatever they were doing and douse their lights in fear of an air raid. Others who remembered that the air raid alarm is sounded by the siren were not misled by the sound.

Dude Ranch Dance Monday

The Dude Ranch will be the locale of a dance to be held next Monday night, December 29, by the Branchville Rescue Squad. Dancing, the music for which is to be furnished by the regular Dude Ranch orchestra, will last from 9 p. m. until 2 a. m.

Tickets may be procured by calling Herbert R. Calhoun at Berwyn 105 between noon and 11 p. m. New equipment is to be purchased with the proceeds.

Fowler Takes First FWA House

The first of Greenbelt's new residents, Edward Fowler of the Navy Yard, was officially welcomed last Thursday by Town Manager Braden, Mayor Allen Morrison, Mary Jane Kinzer, Arthur L. Rysticken, and several representatives of older Greenbelt families. Also on hand to greet the new residents was Gordon Barnes, chief of the Tenant Selection Division of Farm Security Administration.

Eight other families moved in on the same day, and were subsequently introduced to each other by Mr. Braden. Approximately 20 houses have been occupied to date.

Keep Windows Screened, Panagoulis Advises

George Panagoulis, Safety Director, advises people who have removed their screens from windows to replace them. In the event of an air raid, these screens can aid in preventing damage caused by flying glass.

He also stated that taped windows would prevent broken glass from shattering and blankets placed over windows would be advisable. However, Mr. Panagoulis pointed out, these precautions are not an absolute safeguard in the event of an air raid, but are to be considered as aids in preventing otherwise greater damage and affording safety.

NOTICE

Local residents who signed membership application cards for the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association during the last two months are requested to report to the Cooperator office Monday or Tuesday night of next week for assignments.

As specified in the by-laws of the Association only persons who contribute specific work to the Cooperator or some other project of the organization can be considered for membership.

Other Greenbelters wishing to file applications for Cooperator staff positions or for membership in the Association should see Mr. Fosnight or Mr. Cooper at the Cooperator office, room 202 over the drug store.

Local Defense Council Criticizes Laxity of State Organization

The Defense Council went on record this Monday night with a sharp criticism of the work of the State and County Defense Councils for their inactivity and lack of organization in formulating a program for local defense groups. It stressed the hope that politics would finally withdraw from the state and county bodies, and permitting an effective and coordinated group to organize all defense efforts in local communities. It was reported that even the Office of Civilian Defense in Washington has been functioning haphazardly and that no defense precautions have been taken to protect citizens in Washington against a possible air-raid.

Health Ass'n Board Elects New Member

The board of directors of the Greenbelt Health Association, convening December 18, elected the following officers to fill existing vacancies: Stewart C. Dowrick, president, to replace Sam Cregar; Harry E. Hesse, vice-president, to fill his own vacancy; and Dr. Herman DuBuy, as secretary, to replace Bernard Jones, who resigned from his office because of extra defense work.

Bennett Beale, who is replacing Mr. Cregar as a member of the board, attended for the first time. Mrs. Dorothy Henes was appointed editor of the Health Association Bulletin.

Membership Meeting Set

Monday, January 26, 1942, was set as the date for the annual membership meeting, to be held in the auditorium of the elementary school. Since the board decided that the term of all seven directors of the Greenbelt Health Association shall terminate upon the election of the new directors, members are reminded that they can nominate candidates for the board until 20 days before the membership meeting. Nominations should be sent to Dr. DuBuy at the Greenbelt Health Association on or before January 6, 1942. The agenda will include, among other things, a discussion of a possible age limit for prospective members, and reports from the various committees with special reference to the expected increase of Greenbelt citizens. Steps have been taken to secure an interesting motion picture, dealing with civilian defense. A detailed agenda and a financial statement will be sent to all members.

Health Ass'n Changes Office Hour Schedule

Physicians of Prince Georges' County will terminate their office hours at 6 p. m. and will make no calls to homes except in case of emergency after that hour, beginning January 1, it was decided at a recent meeting of the County Medical Society in Brentwood Md.

This move, it was claimed, will enable doctors to perform their defense duties and to be available for emergency work.

In accordance with the above decision, Dr. Joseph Silagy, medical director of the Greenbelt Health Association will have a new office hour schedule, effective January 2, 1942. Tentatively, it is planned to hold office hours from 10 to 12 a. m. every day and from 4 to 6 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. A complete schedule will be published at a later date. Office hours will be by appointment as before.

350 at Xmas Tree Lighting

The traditional lighting of Greenbelt's Christmas tree drew an attendance of 350 last Friday evening.

The ceremony, which began at 6:30 p. m., included carols played by the band and sung by the Elementary School children; the lighting of the tree and a short speech by Mayor Allen Morrison; and the appearance of Santa Claus. All introductions were made by Town Manager Roy S. Braden.

The program, arranged by Mrs. Fred DeJaeger, lasted about one hour.

The council concluded that it would work out its program alone, basing its organization and functions upon what it can learn from London and other cities which have already undergone air raids.

Fire Fighting Squad Ready

Director of Public Safety George Panagoulis reported that classes have already begun instructing volunteers in air-raid precautions. Although he was given but three hours notice, Mr. Panagoulis stated that messengers were relayed throughout the town informing all citizens of a practice black-out that was held last Friday night. About 90 per cent of the citizens responded by turning out their lights for about ten minutes at 9 p. m. The Council felt that the air raid alarm, tested for the first time Sunday morning, was not a sufficient warning since it could not be heard distinctly in the far corners of town. More tests will be held in the future to determine the best location of the siren so that its sound will carry to every part of Greenbelt. Mr. Panagoulis was instructed to present at the next Council meeting a map of the town showing the various air raid posts, and the names of the responsible persons in charge of each shelter. Thirty-five auxiliary firemen are functioning on a day shift and twenty more are learning to use the fire-fighting equipment.

First Aid Classes Formed

Dr. Silagy reported that Greenbelt medical services, although limited, will have to be extended to Berwyn, Branchville and Beltsville in time of emergency. He presented a plan of operations for the establishment of first-aid stations in strategic places about town, with trained personnel to handle all minor injuries in case of raids. Classes will be held to train a group of volunteers in direct first-aid treatment.

The Elementary School will probably be the local casualty station where all injured will receive medical attention. If necessary, the injured may have to be removed to our local hospital for urgent attention or treatment or may be evacuated to Washington hospitals. Plans for camouflaging the local hospital and for making it a more comfortable place to treat casualties in time of emergency are already under way.

A committee of three was appointed by Chairman Ed Walther to study the present set-up of the Defense Council's functioning units and to suggest a reorganization so that each unit will have a definite task to perform and work in harmony with the others in the task of providing adequate defense for the citizens of Greenbelt. The committee will suggest the titles by which the heads of the various units will be known, will describe their duties, and will study the relationship of the Defense Council to the local town administration. Arthur Rysticken was appointed as chairman of this committee and he will be assisted by Francis Fosnight and Harry Rhodes.

Arrest of Violators Asked

An ordinance will be presented at the next town council meeting requesting fines for people violating emergency instructions. Persons on the street who have no right to be out in time of a blackout or air raid alarm would be liable to arrest, under this ordinance.

The Council decided that it would discourage residents who may be willing to devote time to local defense needs if they are working in vital defense positions which may make it necessary for them to be away from Greenbelt at almost any time.

Date Is Set For 1941 Co-op Store Slips

At the annual meeting of the membership of Greenbelt Consumer Services scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 1942, members will decide whether a patronage return shall be issued on purchases made from the co-operative in the year 1941, and, if so, the amount and nature of such return.

The following notice has been issued by the board of directors:

"NOTICE is hereby given to members and other patrons of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., that in order to participate in the distribution of any patronage returns which may then be declared, patronage return slips applying to such purchases must be submitted to the Board of Directors at the office of the Cooperative over the Drug Store at or before 6 p. m., Saturday, January 17, 1941.

"Non-member patrons who wish to participate in such returns must also have submitted to the board, at or before that time, their applications for membership in the cooperative. Each application must be approved by the board before the applicants shall be eligible to participate in the returns.

"Each Person Is Required:

1. To submit only those slips which, to the best of his knowledge, were issued to members of his household by G. C. S. during 1941. Slips issued during 1941 have been blue in color, except movie slips, some of which have been orange.

2. To submit the slips in bundles of 25 (fastened securely by paper clips or rubber bands), except that one bundle may contain any number of slips less than 25. This extra bundle shall be lettered "A"; the others shall be lettered consecutively "B", "C", "D", and so on.

3. To indicate on each bundle his name, the total of patronage represented by the slips in the bundle, and the identifying letter of the bundle.

4. To enclose with his slips the form provided for the purpose, properly filled out. These forms may be obtained at the food store, or in the office of the co-operative, or by writing to the secretary.

5. To enclose the slips and the forms in a strong paper bag, which shall be securely closed, and on which shall be plainly stated his name and address.

Ray King's Orchestra To Swing on New Year

Greenbelt's official New Year's Eve dance promises to surpass even last year's gala affair, according to advance reports from the Citizen's Association.

Tickets will be 90 cents plus 9 cents tax, a total of 99 cents per person this year. Dancing will extend from 10 p. m. until 2 a. m.

Ray King's 12-piece band is tuned up for one of the liveliest musical programs ever to be presented in Greenbelt. Persons familiar with this band declare that it is far above average and ranks among the top-notch tune producers in the east.

The dance, to be held in the school auditorium, will also feature a vocalist who will help sing in the new year. Larry Pinckney, dance chairman, announces that tickets are still available and may be secured from the following.

Larry Pinckney, 1-B Crescent Road; A. Chasanow, 11-T Ridge Road; Bernie Jones, 1-D Westway; James C. Smith, 4-H Southway; Fred De Jager, 58-L Crescent Road; Harold Uhrig, 16-C Parkway; George Bauer, 1-J Gardenway; Charles Bradley, 19-H Ridge Road; and Dr. James McCarl, 7-D Crescent Road.

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Thursday

Have you ever had the feeling, when events become epic or personal problems bulk large and unsolved, that the world ought somehow to stop a bit while things sort of settled back to normal? Well, you know that neither the world nor the people in it ever stop for you, for me or for anyone else. Time goes right on, whether we solve our problems or not.

Thursday brings us a new year. Thursday brings us one special day when we can review the last 365 and try to plan ahead for the next 365. But Thursday is only another day, of 24 hours, and when it is gone it will have given us no more nor less than any other day. New Year's Day can mean for us only what we individually want it to mean.

This has been a tragic year, cluttered with world-shaking events and the drama-stuff of future history. Ahead lie 365 more days for what we call 1942, and they are going to speed by with no respect for whatever fine intentions, high hopes, or dread we may have. Before the year is out we may well have set the course of all civilization for generations to come. But whatever is done by us must be done fast, done well, and done without any feeling that the world should stop in amazement at our problems or our courageous attempts to fight our way out.

Everything is Under Control

After having a few "run-ins" with the national, state and county defense organizations, we are inclined to view civilian defense progress as slow and haphazard. Certainly we have many bugs to chase out of our organization and preparations before the first nuisance raid swings in over our homes.

Translating these thoughts in terms of Greenbelt, we have to give you but two of the recent happenings to illustrate our point. The first was the so called "blackout" last Friday night. The Defense Council of Prince Georges County did not bother to let our own council know of their plans, so that Greenbelt could cooperate and help coordinate the county effort. Consequently we were in the dark completely until Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock when our A. R. P. Chief was forced to go to Hyattsville to obtain the information. You know the rest. The only way you could be notified was by the use of the radio stations, Boy Scouts and by word of mouth. The county observers hailed our efforts as a success but judging from the lights we saw in town, the rest of the county must have looked like a Christmas tree.

The second incident occurred when the Defense Council attempted to purchase markers for air-raid workers. The Town Council approved the money for the purchase and the order was placed through the State Council in accordance with instructions from OCD in town. The order was placed December 10 and again on December 16. The Council received a COPY of a letter to the chairman of the Prince Georges Defense Council from the State Headquarters stating that before this order could be considered it would have to be approved by the Prince Georges County group and after such approval was given, the order was to be returned to the state headquarters for further approval and placement with the manufacturer.

To this day, the Greenbelt Defense Council has not received one word from either the Prince Georges County group, the state group, or from the manufacturer, and most important, it has not received the markers ordered. Wouldn't this be fine if the supplies ordered were badly needed bandages or vital equipment. The Prince Georges County group (if you can find them), are too busy having a political field day with your safety to worry about you, as is political custom. It aint pretty, folks, but you can be assured that it can't and won't happen in Greenbelt.

Don't let all this confusion worry you. Thanks to the tremendous efforts and labors of your defense council and workers we can safely proceed without the theoretical aid of the bogged down state and county groups.

Welcome Neighbor

You are the first of a thousand families who are moving in next door or across the street, and we want to get acquainted as friends and neighbors. We want you to like what is good in us and help us correct our faults which are numerous and apparent.

We confess that you frighten us just a little, because you—a thousand families of you—can completely upset the direction of our community efforts if you wish. You can outvote us, turn the town away from cooperative enterprise. smash the civic organizations we have labored so hard to form, undermine our community pride, and indeed turn Greenbelt topsy-turvy if that is your will, for we shall soon be only a minority in the town we so jealously regarded as our own little province.

Here we both have a problem that will require our best efforts. We must dismiss from our mind any shadow of word or action which might imply that we regarded you as outsiders or interlopers. You will need to keep in mind the greatness of your own power and be sure that it is used to the common advantage of all of us.

Greenbelt in the last year is something far different from the utopia most of us had in mind when we started our community activities in the early days of the town. We have become tired in our work, civic leadership has moved out of town faster than we could recruit it from new residents, we have split ourselves into hopeless controversy over several problems.

So now you know something of our worst side and perhaps you can help us regain the vision of a happy community of neighbors working together for our common good. You can help by disregarding our past quarrels, by supplying fresh ideas and new leadership.

We think you'll like it here, neighbor. We have a clean, comfortable town, well protected from fire and crime, with unusual recreational and educational facilities. We are proud of our lawns, our flowers, our trees, and our gardens. We like our community-owned stores. All this we want you to share. And we are depending on you to correct some of our failures and shortcomings.

A Song of Christmas

Against the colorful rose window of a medieval cathedral in old England, the children's choir in red robes and carrying glowing lanterns, the pupils of Greenbelt Elementary School put on their operetta "The Magi's Gift" December 22 in the Auditorium. The carols were exquisitely sung, particularly the "Koliada" and the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo", as were the more commonly sung Christmas songs including "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," and "I Saw Three Ships."

Very well done was the Christmas Tree Dance with each child costumed in green representing a tree; and most effective was the flowing grace of the Skater's Waltz. Particularly English in type was the old-fashioned rustic Morris Dance in which the performers took the parts of characters in English folk-lore.

In the humorous play which the mummies put on for the rich children of the village the fight with clashing swords between the ferocious Turk (Frank Bauer) and the Crusader (Dudley Peeler) caused great mirth. St. George was played by Sam Downs and Father Christmas by George Bauer.

Evergreen boughs and branches of holly were brought in by the village children, of whom Ruth Arness took the part of Mary. The erring inn-keeper was portrayed

by Wayne Geonberg and his "niece" Elsbeth was Joan Schoeb. Her long-lost brother Sir Arthur, who had been crusading in the Holy Land, and whom she mistook for one of the Magis, was well played by Owen Wyatt.

The last scene with the choir softly singing in the background, and the angels standing guard over the cradle of the Holy Infant was especially lovely. The Three Kings who brought their gifts were Jimmy Griggs, Marshall Pywell, and Clayton McCarl.

Among those leaving after the play many were heard to say that they considered this performance one of the finest yet given by Greenbelt school children.

War Demands Pinch Co-op Supply Sources

The effect of war upon civilian supplies is being felt sharply here as well as all over the country, spokesmen for Greenbelt Consumer Services stated last week. Much thought and consideration is being given to the new problems which are presenting themselves.

Drastic curtailment of many automotive supplies has resulted because the military forces need such a large proportion of the production of that industry. Government orders are being filled first, it was stated.

The service station and garage here are experiencing considerable difficulty in obtaining needed parts for cars. This situation is not peculiar to these two local enterprises, but already prevails to some extent in the variety and food stores locally and to other business establishments elsewhere.

Increased demands of war upon civilian supplies of such items as tires and tubes has already resulted in complete curtailment of sales of new stock. Some second-hand and re-treaded tires will be available for awhile.

Many items ordered by the variety store as long ago as last spring for fall and winter sales were not received because of shortages resulting from Government needs even before the United States became involved in war early this month.

In the food store, it was reported, it is necessary to substitute a large number of items with other brands of commodities of comparable price ranges. Wholesalers are finding it difficult to supply retail stores with some stock previously handled regularly.

The G. C. S. board of directors, continuing its consideration of proposed expansion plans, is faced with grave problems as a result of war-time conditions. There is some feeling of apprehension toward mushrooming the business now.

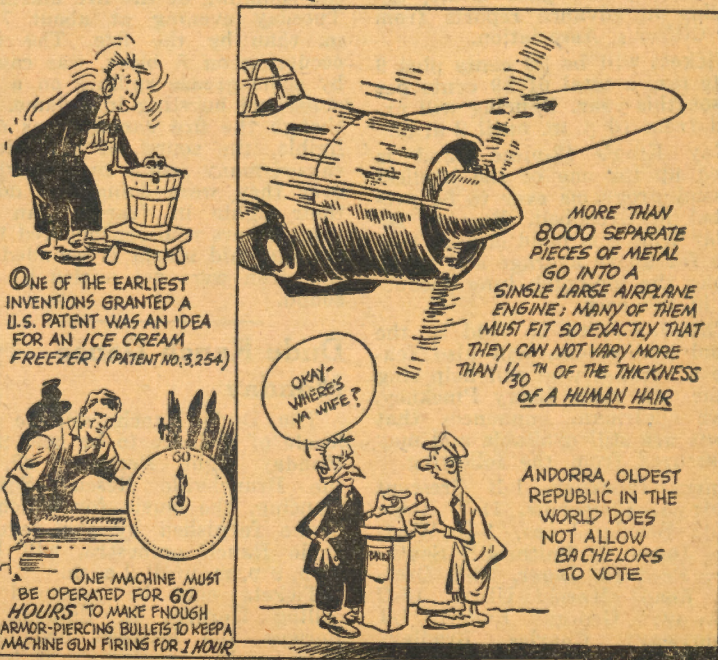
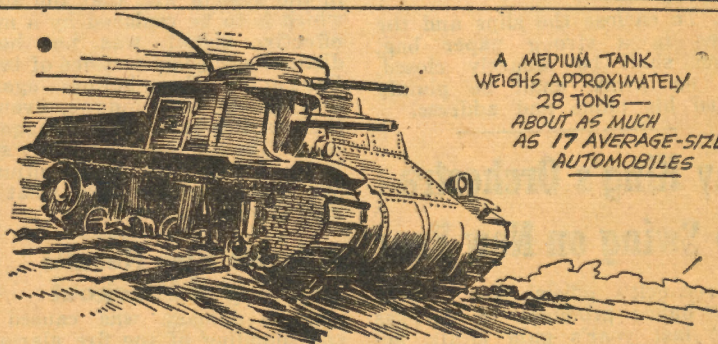
Most needed is the enlargement of the lunch counter and extension of facilities in the drug store. The new families have begun to move in. An enlarged town will necessitate improvements in the store which is already serving at capacity.

No formal action has been taken by the board on any of these matters. They are still in the discussion stage.

There is no safer investment than your self, you are the Government, invest in Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.

You need your free Government, your Government needs you, invest in Defense Savings Bonds and stamps.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS



One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of December 26, 1940)

The nursing staff of the Greenbelt Hospital held its annual Christmas party . . . "We'll play just what the crowd wants" said the orchestra leader for the New Year's Eve dance . . . A Christmas gift matinee at the Greenbelt theater netted a large assortment of toys that were promptly turned over to the Prince Georges County Christmas Bureau . . . The third annual tree lighting ceremony was held, with Wallace Mabey as master of ceremonies . . . The Greenbelt Health Association physicians were approved as examiners for policy holders in this area . . . A dramatic presentation "Christmas in Many Lands" was produced by Group IV of the Greenbelt Elementary School . . . A Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Cooper completed the active fall season of the B-Block Better Buyers . . . The second annual holiday bake sale for the benefit of the Greenbelt Hospital was held, and a sum of \$16 was raised for the hospital.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By SALLY MEREDITH

Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? Probably most of them won't be kept, but I've made a few too. Not that they'd interest anyone else, but a column has to be written somehow! Number One: Never again, at least for a few issues, will I get the wrong time on a news story. (According to the item last week about the lighting of the Christmas tree, I got the time as 8:00 p. m. instead of 6:30.) Number Two: I shall wait until after Christmas to mail my cards, so I'll be sure to send them to everyone who remembers me, as well as those I remember. Number Three: Next time I buy material for slip covers I'm going to have the finished product within eight weeks instead of eight months. Four: I'm going to try to stick to these resolutions.

Paul Dunbar's many friends in Greenbelt will be sorry to know that he won't be in town for the Christmas holidays. He is going to Fort McClellan, California. In case you see this, Paul, good luck, a belated Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year! Roscoe and Maxine Melton had a houseful of guests for Christmas celebrations. Mrs. Josephine Hight had her family over from Glendale to exchange greetings (and presents!).

Here's for a Happier-than-usual New Year.

High School Chatter

By JOAN McNAMARA.

The Greenbelt High School assembly on Tuesday was a very special occasion for two reasons. First because there were only two class periods. Second, the last day of school for the year.

The assembly opened with a talk by Mr. Barnhart, followed by a Bible reading by Mary Jean McCarl. Then the Lord's Prayer was recited by all. The Glee Club sang two selections, "Bring a Torch" and "The Christmas Bells," under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Wicksell, who incidentally, is leaving G. H. S. to the regret of all. The Student Council arranged the talent show, which was supervised by Arlene Livermore.

The performance included Mary Jane Craig singing "Drink to Me Only," "Smiling Through" sung by Dot Herbert and Donald Brewer. Then we heard a piano duet by Doris Keplinger and Jane Stone, and a piano solo by Jane Stone. Joan McNamara, Magie Welsh, and Nancy Dotson sang popular songs. Dot Herbert and Katherine Jones gave us a thrill with a bit of tap dancing. To top off the program, a crowd including the performers, gathered around the piano and sang "Till We Meet Again". Afterwards the entire school sang Christmas Carols, ate lunch, and the respective classes had their parties and traded Xmas gifts.

All in all, a good time was had by everyone including the goldfish Mr. Sieverts bestowed on one of the students to mind during the holidays.

A happy and prosperous New Year to everybody for G. H. S.

Cooperative Reconstruction Being Planned

A dozen executives of European cooperatives now living in the U. S. met with representatives of American cooperatives to make plans for reconstruction of European cooperatives at the close of the war.

The meeting, chaired by Dr. James P. Warbasse, president of The Cooperative League of the U. S. A., brought together such men as the former manager of the Central Cooperative Bank of Poland; purchasing agent for the cooperatives of Estonia; head of production activities for the co-ops in Vienna; associated editor of the French cooperative publications; present manager of Products from Sweden; American purchasing office for the Swedish cooperatives; and representatives of cooperatives in Belgium, Denmark, Czechoslovakia and other countries.

As a result of the meeting an informal Committee for International Cooperative Reconstruction was formed and an executive committee set up and asked to prepare a roster of all former European cooperative executives

Timely Facts for Consumers

Intelligent Consumption Makes for Better, Happier Living.

RAYON

There is already a shortage of silk, and the war with Japan will make this shortage more acute. This shortage has resulted in the steadily increasing use of rayon in wearing apparel, draperies and other household textiles. The sharpest increase in consumption is apparent in the hosiery industry.

Since the defense program makes steady demands on producers of rayon yarns, any waste in civilian use is to be carefully avoided.

Consumers are urged to buy rayon goods carefully. If textiles or garments are to be washed, only those labeled "washable" should be purchased. "Washable" should mean that the colors are fast, and that the garment will not shrink out of fit. If no label is present, customers should demand such information from the retailer.

Most rayons except acetate may be washed and pressed in much the same way as silk. Flat, plain weaves such as those used in lingerie and many dress fabrics are usually washable. Lukewarm water, never hot, should be used, and mild, neutral soap flakes. The washing should be done with the absolute minimum of rough handling, excess water being squeezed out in the folds of a towel. Garments made of knitted, crepe or novelty fabrics should be measured before cleaning or washing, dried flat on a towel, then gently eased back into shape.

All rayon garments should be ironed on the wrong side while damp, never allowed to dry first. The iron should be moved down the length of the garment, and a slight tension exerted to restore the original size. Acetate rayon requires special care. It demands exceedingly careful ironing, since it may become shiny or even melt if the iron is too hot.

Some fabrics of rayon, or of rayon in combination with other yarns, must not be washed. Labels should indicate this fact, or it should be ascertained from the dealer. It is a safe practice to wash fabrics only when labels or instructions indicate that such is the usual method of cleaning. Otherwise, the garments should be dry-cleaned. Certain cleaning solvents, as well as nail polish and polish remover, dissolve acetate rayon and should not come in contact with it. Crepes and loosely woven fabrics, pleated and ruffled garments usually require dry-cleaning.

When a garment is made of a fabric combining rayon and other yarns, the label should indicate this fact. The law requires this in the case of wool. Such fabrics should be treated as the most delicate fibre in them require. Information about preshrinking should also appear on the label, or be requested from the dealer.

Lay Health Council Asks Aid for County Needy

The public health nurses of Prince Georges County are often called to care for illnesses in needy families where there are no sheets or blankets to cover the makeshift bedding, and where the household cannot supply the simplest articles for bedside care.

District representatives of the Public Health Lay Council, meeting in conference Monday with Miss Frances Buck, supervising nurse, worked out details for loan closets to be established throughout the county. Laurel, Hyattsville, Oxen Hill, Upper Marlboro, and Capitol Heights were selected as the locations from which the nursing staff might make the best use of loan closet supplies in their work with needy families. Possibility of war-time emergencies in addition to the usual type of local needs make the immediate establishment of these loan closets a particularly important feature of defense preparations.

The Lay Council asks the support of every family in Prince Georges County either by a \$1.00 annual membership, or by direct contributions to the loan closets. Articles needed for the loan closets are: sheets (large, single, or crib size), draw sheets, pillow cases, bath towels (large and small), single blankets (cotton or

now living in the United States and to begin correspondence with the International Cooperative Alliance and other cooperatives, abroad.

POTS AND PANS

Substitute, Simplify, Conserve. These should be the watchwords in buying cooking utensils, advises Miss Harriet Elliott, chief of the Consumer Division, OPA.

Since civilian demands for aluminum should be eliminated and the use of stainless steel cut to a minimum, substitution of utensils made of other satisfactory materials is necessary.

Buying of kitchen utensils should be reduced to the few standard-design utensils which have proved most efficient and satisfactory.

For top-of-the-stove cooking, saucepans, double-boilers and coffee-pots of enamel ware are excellent. To prevent checking or cracking of new ware, housewives should never allow a vessel to boil dry, or pour cold water into a hot pan. Labels on the ware or folders accompanying it should indicate tests for heat, abrasion and acid resistance, and amount of impact it will endure without breaking.

For long cooking, cast iron is satisfactory. Though it takes longer to heat, it retains heat longer at low fuel cost. Skillets, griddles and Dutch ovens of iron are excellent. But each should be seasoned before first using by being heated for two or three hours over a low flame, after having been greased with non-salty fat. This removes lacquer and fills the pores of the iron. Such utensils should be dried carefully to prevent rusting. Flame-proof glass is good for cooking on top of the stove. However, it is expensive and breaks easily.

For oven cooking, tin, iron and enamel ware are all good. Piepans, cake pans and baking sheets of tin give excellent service and are not expensive. The dullness that comes with use makes them better heat conductors. They should be cleaned and dried carefully to prevent rust.

For roasting, covered or uncovered pans of enamel of Russia iron serve well. The same care should be taken of them that is taken of other utensils made of the same materials.

Casseroles of ovenproof glass are excellent, but food tends to stick in them and they require careful cleaning. Glazed pottery is good for baking if care is taken against blows or sudden temperature changes.

In general, heavy pans are for long cooking, light ones for quick cooking. Sides of pans should be straight, bottoms flat to present the most heating surface. They should cover the burner and lids should fit tightly.

wool), nightgown and pajamas Lay Health Council ASKS AID for adults and children, layettes, rubber sheeting, soap, absorbent sanitary pads, gauze, safety pins, hot water bottles, douche bags, ice bags, ice caps, and ice collars, medicine droppers, bed pans, air cushions, wash basins, pitchers, covered pails, crutches, and wheel chairs. Old sheets, towels, blankets, and odd pieces of linens can be used for making bandages of many different kinds. Articles in the loan closets will be available to people in need who are referred by a public health nurse, county physician, or other community social worker.

The Public Health Lay Council has just laid in a supply of cod liver oil, which is used as a part of its program of supplemental aid to underweight school children. The loan Council, and all donated articles should be sent, not to the Public Health Department, but to the following committee chairmen, Mrs. John Hopkins, Laurel; Mrs. John Fainter, Hyattsville, who is also county chairman; Mrs. Brooke Kerby, Oxen Hill; Mrs. Paul Harris, Capitol Hts.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Lay Council will be held Monday, January 5 at 1:00 p. m. in the Municipal Room over the Fire House in Hyattsville.

DANCE - in Greenbelt - New Yr's Eve

AUDITORIUM 10 TO 2

Tickets are 90 cents plus 9 cents tax

Red Cross Call to Service



The dramatic poster by James Montgomery Flagg is the first war poster of the new World War. It is an appeal for a \$50,000,000 American war relief fund to feed, shelter, clothe and give medical aid to American men, women and children bombed by the enemy. It is an appeal for funds to provide comforts for our American Army and Navy, and for welfare work for our troops at home and abroad, and their families on the home front. President Roosevelt asks you to give. Your dollars will serve humanity. Give through your local Red Cross Chapter.

To the Editor---

Better Signal

To the Editor:

Living at the very end of town has its disadvantages in that I can not be sure whether the siren I hear is for fire or air raid warning. The siren is barely audible where I live. Can't a louder one be secured?

—W. E. F.

No Change in Income Rule

Just in case you're wondering, the war will not change the F. S. A. plans with regard to enforcement of the maximum income limits, according to a recent report from Mason Barr's office. Neither will the Government's decentralization program have any effect on the move orders.

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Season Greetings

THE GREENBELT CREDIT UNION

The Rev. and Mrs. Kincheloe wish to extend to all their friends in Greenbelt their wishes for a Happy Holiday Season

Community Church

"Making 1942 the best year yet" will be the theme of the Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston's sermon to be preached in the community building next Sunday morning at 11.

This Sunday is to be observed as New Year's Sunday. The Sunday School lessons and the sermon will deal with this theme. In this sermon, an effort will be made to point out how, in spite of an adverse environment and in spite of the fears and anxieties we are experiencing and will experience possibly in a greater degree, we may make this coming year not only as good but even better than any year yet.

A special invitation is extended to all residents of Greenbelt to attend this service, especially to those who have recently come to live here.

A calendar for 1942 showing the head of Jesus, a reprint from one of the famous paintings, will be distributed free to each family attending church this Sunday.

Your Dollar

By CONSUMERS UNION
Electric Clocks

CU tested 21 models, ranging in price from \$3 to \$10, and found most of them well built except for alarm mechanisms which rang too long, or which interfered with the accuracy of the clocks. If you pay as much as \$10, CU discovered, you're paying mainly for a fancy case. In general, the more expensive clocks do not have better movements.

Best Buys were as follows: Ward's Cat. No. 1000 (\$3.49 plus postage); GE Sergeant (\$2.95); GE Troubadour (\$3.95); Telechron Secretary (\$3.95); Westclox County Club (\$2.95).

Footballs—

What you have to spend for a football depends on what use you plan to make of it. For all but official games, reports CU, \$5 and \$3 footballs of good quality are quite as satisfactory as \$9 ones. Two of the \$5 balls CU tested, the Spalding Fighting Irish and the Reach Fighting Irish, were as good as \$9 balls in every quality except the finish. Two of the \$3 models—Sears' Official Conference at \$2.79 plus postage, and Ward's Carl Snively at the same price, were almost as good as the best \$5 balls. But be careful. Some \$2-\$3 models were no better than \$1 balls, and were suitable for use only as children's toys.

CU tested 33 models of footballs, ranging from \$1 to \$9.25, for conformity to official standards, for construction, strength of covering, type and number of linings, type and closeness of stitching, method of attaching bladder, lace hole inserts, method of lacing, general all-around appearance and construction. Most of these points affect the service you will get.

Record Albums—

Thirty classical albums are suggested, with two—the Columbia Beethoven Quartet in C-Sharp Minor, Opus 131, played by the Budapest String Quartet, (\$5.50) and Victor's Brahms' Concerto No. 2 in B-Flat Major for Piano and Orchestra, played by Horowitz with Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra, (\$6.50), ranking as 'Best Buys'. In the American song list, best liked were Victor's "Midnight Special" album (\$2.10) and Keynote's "Talking Union" (\$2.75). In the jazz field, five albums are suggested. Columbia's "Louis and Earl," (Louis Armstrong and Earl Hines) album at \$2.62 got the top rating.

Don't Buy By Brand Name Only

Are advertised brands the best buys? "Not necessarily" says CU's 1942 Buying Guide. In spite of the volume made possible by advertising, the highly ballyhooed brands often fall short in scientific tests, while cheaper, less conspicuous brands get top honors. For example, CU finds a \$30 Co-op Vacuum Cleaner performing better than a number of \$50 and \$60 brands; the best-known names in foods are frequently far down on the list for quality.

Foods, toilet goods, electrical appliances, clothing, household supplies, automobiles and accessories are among the products rated in the 384-page, pocket-sized Buying Guide.

Classified Ads

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New Co-op Movie

Released Jan. 1

"HERE IS TOMORROW", the first sound movie of the American consumer cooperatives ever produced, is in the final stages of production and will be available for distribution in all parts of the country January first, The Cooperative League of the USA announced today.

The movie is a dramatized documentary portraying vividly the accomplishments and scope of the cooperatives throughout the country. It was produced by Documentary Film Productions, Inc. under the Direction of Herbert Kerkow and Willard Van Dyke, with Roger Bartlow as a cameraman and Irving Lerner film editor. Kerkow and Bartlow travelled 6,000 miles this summer and fall photographing co-ops from Brooklyn New York to Phillipsburg, Kansas, and north as far as Superior, Wisconsin. Phillip Brown of "I Wanted Wings" and "H. M. Pulham, Esquire" and Jabez Gray, well known actor, play the dramatized scenes and commentary.

"Here is Tomorrow" shows how men and women working together as neighbors have built a "peoples" business owning streamlined grocery stores and warehouses, feed and seed mills, hatcheries and fertilizer factories, insurance businesses, service stations, refineries, pipelines and oil wells. The picture is not a travelogue.

The co-op movie has become a moving testament to the ability of people to help themselves - a sample of the future.

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